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SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE MEDICAL RELIEF MALI NOMADS

1. MOST RECENT MESSAGE FROM AMEMBASSY BAMAKO AUGUST 14 SUGGESTS MOST EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO POCKETS DISTRESS TIMBUKTU AND GAO WOULD BE THROUGH INTERVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS MEDICAL TEAMS TO EVALUATE AND TREAT EXTREME CASES UNDERNOURISHMENT AMONG MANY CHILDREN AND ADULTS TIMBUKTU AND GAO WHICH REQUIRE MORE SOPHISTICATED ASSISTANCE THAN SIMPLE GRAIN DISTRIBUTION.

2. REFER TO MOST RECENT LICROSS REPORT, CIRCULAR NUMBER 555, DATED AUGUST 6, SECTION ON MALI. FDRC HAS SUGGESTED TO AMERICAN RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR SAM KRAKOW THAT USG STANDS READY TO ASSIST WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES BUT WISHES UNCLASSIFIED

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TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO ASSURE THESE SUPPLIES ARE PROPERLY

ADMINISTERED.

3. KRAKOW NOTED THAT BOTH SWEDISH AND WEST GERMAN RC SOCIETIES HAVE EMERGENCY MOBILE MEDICAL TEAMS WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.

4. KRAKOW HAS AGREED TO ASK LICROSS GENEVA TO AUTHORIZE DOCTOR GENTILS, THE LICROSS DELEGATE IN BAMAKO, TO OFFER RED CROSS MEDICAL TEAMS TO ASSIST THE MALI RED CROSS WITH THE

POCKETS OF DISTRESS AT TIMBUKTU AND GAO. LICROSS 555 NOTES MALI RED CROSS RESPONSIBLE FOR 6TH REGION RELIEF.

5. REQUEST US MISSION ASK HENDRIK BEER OF LICROSS IF LICROSS WOULD BE WILLING MAKE TEAMS AVAILABLE. THE GOM HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO LET PRIVATE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS ADMINISTER ANY RELIEF PROGRAM BUT IN VIEW OF THE MALI RED CROSS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RELIEF PROGRAM COVERING SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD DISTRIBUTION, MEDICAL CARE, VACCINATION, AND PROVISION OF CLOTH, ETC., IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR US ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH THIS APPROACH.

6. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

7. FOR BAMAKO: REGARDLESS OF SUCCESS PROPOSED INVOLVEMENT RED CROSS MEDICAL RELIEF TEAMS SUGGESTED ABOVE, HOWEVER, AID/W IS MOVING IMMEDIATELY TO PROCURE MULTIVITAMINS RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS DESCRIBED IN BAMAKO 2526. THESE WILL BE CONSIGNED TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSFER TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. AIR SHIPMENT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ADVISED ASAP. ROGERS

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